

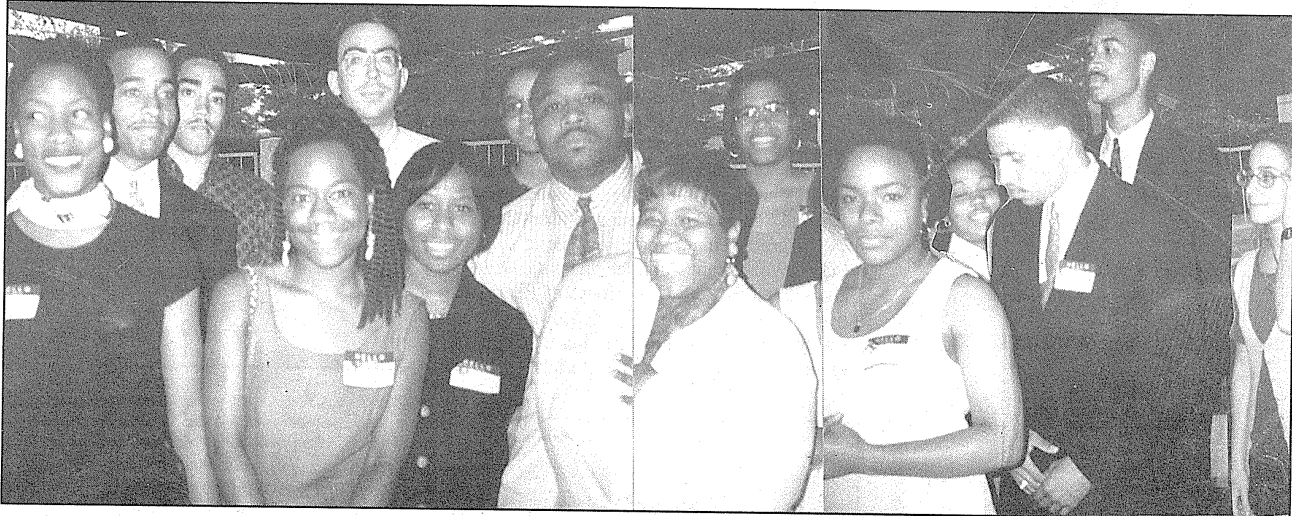
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SWNA Scholarship Recipients - (from L to R) 1st row- Malonda Richards, Ateya Ball, Arnice Mack, Shantella Edwards, Sara Wells, Jonathan Mitchell 2nd Gregory Triplett, Tony Murray, David Read, Melinda Zellars, Resial Shannon, Kimberly Zellars, Shaunice Yates, Ali Gordon, and Mary Early

Music Under the Stars

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Scholarship reception, "Music Under the Stars" was held on Sunday August 7, 1994. It was a lovely, low-humidity, moonlit evening. The Gangplank deck was the site for this reception.

The Scholarship Committee has been an active task force of the Assembly for over two decades. This year, they worked diligently to accomplish the dozens of tasks including fund raising and interviewing twenty-two students.

The award's reception honored the memory of Councilman John Wilson, Felix Grant and Donald Macdonald, three dedicated Southwest residents. Three scholarships were given in their names. The three students receiving these special awards were Gregory Triplett, Miya Gray, and Shantella Edwards. Gregory, a third year recipient, won the John Wilson Community Service Award. He has been very active at college and is president of the student body at his school. Miya received the Donald Macdonald Academic Excellence Award. She has a 3.9 average at Rensselaer. The Felix Grant Communications Award went to Shantella Edwards. She had just returned home from a terrific internship at NBC in New York.

David Wormack who is a former recipient was the Master of Ceremony. He introduced Waymon McCoy who played the violin. Thelma Jones, a well known Southwester gave remembrances about John, Felix and Donald.

Jazz vocalist, Natii sang and was accompanied by Bill Crews on the keyboard.

After this portion of the program, the recipients were introduced. Those that were in attendance were: Ateya Ball - Howard University, Mary Early - Bennington College, Shantella Edwards - Jackson State University, Ali Gordon - Morehouse College, Arnice Mack - Howard University, Jonathan Mitchell - Morris Brown College, Tony Murray - Wesleyan University, David Read - George Mason Univ., Malonda Richard - College of Sante Fe, Resial Shannon - Phoenix College, Gregory Triplett - Florida A & M University, Sara Wells - Hampton University, Shaunice Yates - Howard University, Kimberly Zellars - Howard University, and Melinda Zellars - Spelman College. Those who were unable to attend were Jameela Ball - West Virginia State College, Damond Gordon - Montgomery College, Miya Gray - Rensselaer Polytechnic, N'Dieye Gray - University of Maryland, Vincent Matthews - St. Augustine's College, Michelle Neal - Norfolk State University, and Chekesha Rashad - Howard University.

The Design Center awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to one of the students, Sara Wells. The Center had stipulated that they would give a scholarship to a student who was going to major in Design. This year, the committee was able to find such a student. Mr. Richard Witters

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Court Orders FCC to SW

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, vice chair of the Public Works Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, today applauded this week's U.S. Appeals Court decision to award the lease for the Federal Communications Commission headquarters to The Portals project in Southwest Washington. The decision came after the General Services Administration, on behalf of the FCC, had tried to cancel its procurement contract with the Portals' owners.

According to the court's ruling, FCC had "engaged in a campaign to scuttle the procurement" because it wanted "to remain 'in close proximity' with 'the offices of the communications industry representatives.'" The court, however, called the government's reasoning "pretextual and incredible" and ordered GSA to proceed immediately with awarding a lease to the Portals.

Congresswoman Norton said, "The Appeals Court has very appropriately asserted its authority in this case. I doing so, it has averted what could be been a dangerous legal precedent - allowing federal agencies to arbitrarily and illegally cancel procurement contracts."

The Public Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee has refused to approve any leases for the FCC until the Commission agrees to move its

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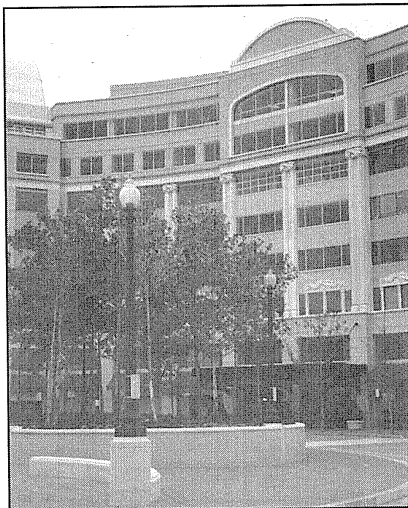
headquarters to The Portals because a competitive procurement as required by law and regulations was involved. Congresswoman Norton said, "Given the unconscionable delays already incurred, the Subcommittee would expect the GSA to take immediate steps to comply with the court order and to move expeditiously to finalize the lease."

Parcel 49C Must Still Undergo The Approval Process

"In sum, the injunction merely restores the posture of the Government and Parcel 49C before the illegal cancellation. Parcel 49C must still undergo the approval process."

The decision, written by Circuit Judge Randall R. Rader, was made by a three judge panel including Chief Judge Glenn L. Archer, Jr., and Senior Circuit Judge Wilson Cowen.

Congresswoman Norton is vice chair of the Public Works Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the U.S. House of Representatives, which has refused to approve any leases for the FCC until the Commission agrees to move its headquarters to the Portals.



The Portals building

Support Your Schools

The Tapes For Education Program starts on August 21. Between the dates, August 21 and Oct. 31, the value of tapes will be doubled. All tapes between these dates should be kept separate from those in November, December and those in 1995. The Southwest Assembly (SWNA) wants the help of everyone in the community. Turn in your Safeway register at the library. Drop them in the box which is labeled "Receipts". SWNA will donate all the tapes to of the 3 schools in SW.

These receipts are turned into credit by the schools so that they can buy the supplies which they need most -- computers, overhead projectors, band instruments, sports equipment, updated textbooks, etc. We all have to eat so we might as well help the schools while we are it.

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RIVERSIDE YARSALE - EVERYBODY WINS!

by Jerry Blasenstein,
with assistance

On June 18, 1994, a Yard Sale was held at the Riverside Condominium, 1425-35 4th Street, S.W. With twenty-five individuals having tables, plus thirteen local merchants contributing raffle items, the Sale resulted in \$450 being donated to the S.W. Community Scholarship Fund. The Sale, chaired by resident Davey Webb, was, financially, the most successful yard sale ever held at Riverside.

The condominium has held several yard sales over the years, the last one being in 1992. Individuals pay a \$5.00 fee to set up a table to sell their goods. Riverside sets up a White Elephant table, a refreshment table, a baked goods table, and sells raffle tickets. Raffle items are donated by neighborhood merchants. Proceeds have been used to purchase various items to enhance the condominium, as well as contributing to the Scholarship fund.

Congratulations, Riverside!

Candidate's Forum

There will be a Forum for the candidates for the City Council Chair and members-at-large. It will be held at the library on **Sept. 7th at 7 pm.**

The Assembly, SWNA had invited the Mayoral candidates to a forum on Aug. 29th but due to a scheduling problem of the candidates, they will be unable to attend.

SWNA will hold a forum in October (tentatively scheduled for **Oct. 19**) at also at the library, at the same time. Look for a flier to announce all of the details.

Southwest Community Council Balance Sheet

Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
For Period January 1, 1993 thru December 31, 1993
(Unaudited)

RECEIPTS:

Contributions	\$12,950.26	
Advertising-Southwester	14,335.59	
Private Grant-		
Republic Properties Portals Project	38,170.00	
Public Grant-		
District of Columbia	3,000.00	
Bank Interest	612.85	
Investment Income (CD)	1,014.49	

Total Receipts		\$70,083.19

DISBURSEMENTS:

Programs-		
Youth Scholarships & Awards	\$16,600.00	
Summer Youth Training/Employment Stipends	8,806.63	
Printing & Publications	10,859.60	
Distribution of Southwester	4,297.00	
Program Consultants	5,980.00	
Youth Activities & Photos	914.94	
Supplies	497.57	
Postage & Shipping	384.24	
Temporary Space Rental	319.99	
Bank Service Charges	248.99	

Sub-Total Program Disbursements	\$48,908.96	
Management & General Disbursements	2,354.22	
Fund Raising Disbursements	1,122.29	

Total Disbursements		52,385.47

Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements		\$17,697.72

ASSETS

Cash in Banks-		
Washington Federal Savings Bank-		
Operating Checking Account	\$17,569.27	
Washington Federal Savings Bank-		
Certificate of Deposit	29,879.44	
American Security Bank-		
Operating Checking Account	18,640.95	
American Security Bank-		
Savings Account	3,745.17	
Total Assets		\$69,834.83

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

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Fund Balances		69,834.83

Total Liabilities & Fund Balance		\$69,834.83

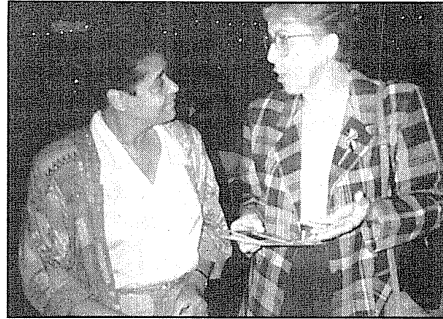
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made the presentation for the center. He is vice president of Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. which manages The Design Center.

Providing a great ending to the evening, Jackie Lee and his "Stick 'em Up Posse Band" played terrific dance music. Lots of the recipients and some of the other guests showed off their dancing abilities. Others came inside for the delicious food. This was provided by Spirit Cruises, Channel Inn and Jenny's. In addition, there were also various dishes, dips and cakes made by some of the parents.

The committee, comprised of Barbara Murray, Carole Early, Jann Buller, Casandra Singleton, Dale MacIver, Bonnie Staley and Carolyn McCormick, is grateful for the support it has received from the community and looks forward to continued help.

Plans are already underway for 1995. New committee members are needed. If you are interested, call Carole Early at 488-3355.



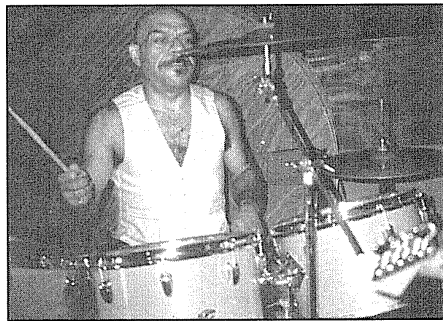
Louise Read and Dr. Joanne Anderson



Bill Crews on the keyboard



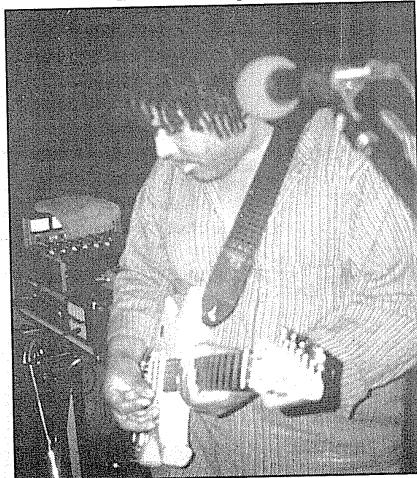
David Wormack - Master of Ceremonies



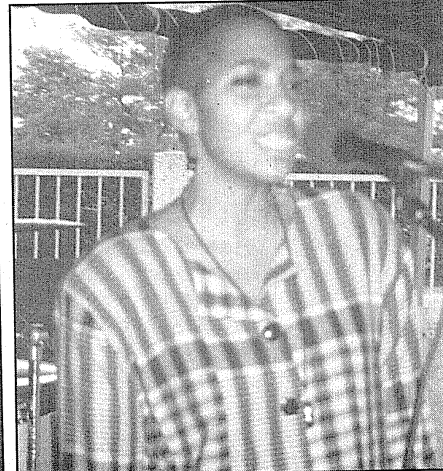
The drummer



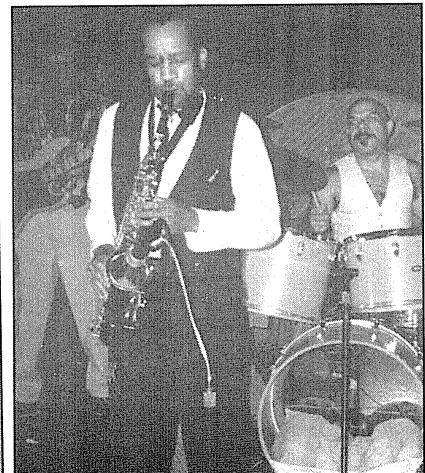
Sara Wells and Mr. Witters



Jackie Lee and his guitar



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wish to congratulate you on the June edition of *The Southwester*. The fish market article by Kate Mulligan was first-rate. It made for very good reading.

However, I wish the story on the Capitol Park Fence had indicated the purpose of the barrier. Why is it so controversial? And, I would like clarification about the ANC action or inaction.

Sincerely,
Maurice Boyd
Capitol Park II

Editor's Reply

The proponents contend that the intention is/was for the fence to reduce crime and incidents of nuisance. However, its opponents see it as socially divisive.

I asked the Secretary of the ANC, Mr. Gottlieb Simon about the parliamentary procedure regarding the fence issue. Commissioner Hargrave moved to endorse the board's application for the fence. His motion was defeated - consequently, the ANC took no position. A summary of the discussion was sent to the Public Space Committee of the D.C. Government. That committee approved the application.

This letter is in response to the John Ray ad which appeared in the June issue of the *Southwester*. The opinion expressed by the writer is not expressly that of the editor.

Dear Editor:

If you live in rental housing and are more concerned than ever about the outcome of the mayoralty and council races this year, you should be - especially with the prospect of John Ray becoming mayor. Remember the District's Rent Control Law is coming up for renewal in 1995, and the outcome of the 1994 elections could very well determine the survival of rent control in the District of Columbia. John Ray is the sworn enemy of rent control and tenant rights in the District of Columbia. The outcome of this election could also determine whether or not you, as a tenant, can afford to live here. The issue of rent control is of key importance to all tenants in the District, and that means approximately two-thirds of all who live here.

The District's rent control law is one of the best in the nation. It is a model statute widely admired and emulated in cities across the nation. It has helped stabilize the cost of rental housing in Washington and in other jurisdictions where its key features have been employed. What is at stake here is nothing less than the affordability of rental housing in the District of Columbia. Make no mistake about it, repeal of rent control will send the cost of rental housing through the roof. As recently as 1989, for

instance, the Urban Institute found that without rent control, rents for apartments, on average, would be between \$95 and \$100 per unit higher for three-quarters of all D.C. renters. That \$95 to \$100 average increase was in 1989 dollars, moreover, which means that the increases would be considerably more than that today.

Make no mistake about Councilmember Ray either. John Ray has long targeted D.C. rent control for defeat. It is he who sponsored the 1987 amendments to the rent control law, designed to kill it outright. It is he who currently bottles up all current tenant legislation in his committee, refusing to hold hearings or let pro-tenant bills come up to a vote. Don't be misled! His ads proclaiming his support for rental housing are one of the worst cases of political fakery on record.

A campaign ad states the following: John Ray created the Tenant Assistance Program, providing government subsidies to help low- and moderate-income tenants pay their rent. Because of this program, nearly 2,000 families are able to live in decent and safe apartments. For the past three years, he has fought hard - and successfully - to save TAP from Executive Branch efforts to kill it. John Ray co-authored the law prohibiting the conversion of rental housing to condominiums unless a majority of the tenants want it. He sponsored legislation, due for final Council approval, this Spring, that will extend this protection indefinitely. If John Ray is elected mayor of this city, you can kiss rent control goodbye and the affordability of housing for tens of thousands of tenants with it.

Fortunately, there is the D.C. Tenant's Advocacy Coalition [TENAC] working for you. John Ray does not fool TENAC. TENAC is the only non-profit, public service organization dedicated exclusively to tenant interests, tenant rights, and support for rent control in the District of Columbia. We represent all D.C. tenants. Let there be no mistake about it. The battle for tenants' rights and to preserve rent control in this city is a political battle. Only TENAC can and will perform such a role for tenants. TENAC can and will carry this campaign to every corner of the city, and we have the track record to prove it.

TENAC is deeply proud of its role in the election of Dave Clarke, the best friend tenants ever had, to be Council Chair of the District of Columbia. In mounting a tremendous campaign on his behalf last year, TENAC brought the tenants' movement front and center in this city. Hundreds of rental buildings were canvassed from top to bottom as scores of tenant associations were re-energized under the TENAC banner. We intend to do so again. Chairman Clarke has paid personal tribute to TENAC and has pledged to work closely with us on tenant issues and rent control.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU! Write or call,
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From Councilman Evans: Plans Underway for Southwest Jobs Fair This Fall

Jobs are always at the forefront of both local and national politics. In an effort to address this issue, I used my contacts and experience to host my first Jobs Fair. Held on Saturday, June 25, the Jobs Fair was so successful that I will be holding my next jobs fair in Southwest later this year.

More than 50 corporations, government agencies, and small businesses joined hundreds of serious and prepared job applicants at Shiloh Baptist Church (9th & R Streets, NW). Applicants came seeking entry level positions as well as skilled and management level positions. The employment menu included secretaries, managers, computer operators, housekeepers, engineers, building maintenance persons, nurses, etc.

For those seeking to enhance their skills or learn how to improve their resumes, the D.C. Department of Employment Services conducted workshops on becoming more marketable in the job market, dressing for success and preparing cover letters and resumes.

Among the companies offering employment were the Hotel Association of Washington, Riggs National Bank, Giant Foods and the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington. Community organizations and agencies from all areas of the District Government and Ward 2 attended: C.O.P.E.; MANNA; American Lung Association; D.C. Department of Human Services; D.C. Department of Public & Assistant Housing; D.C. Commission of Public Health.

These entities took the opportunity to inform citizens about how they can volunteer to help improve their community and receive free information regarding health care and housing issues.

Ward two businesses also contributed by providing refreshments throughout the day. As a result of success of the Jobs Fair and the ongoing positive input from the community, I will sponsor more Job Fairs in other Ward 2 neighborhoods, including the one planned for Southwest.

I would also like to share with you three other Southwest area issues which have been of concern to me.

Tour Bus parking along Main Street and Water Avenue. Andy Litsky a resident in Southwest informed me that tour bus parking has gone beyond designated parking areas, particularly on Memorial Day Weekend. Members of my staff immediately made Department of Public Works, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs and the Metropolitan Police Department aware of this situation. These departments stated they would work together to ensure tour buses park only in designated areas. I will continue to monitor this situation to ensure that it remains under control during Labor Day weekend, as well as other times.

Future Plans for Syphax School. I attended

ANC 2D's monthly meeting in July and learned the future plans for the vacant Syphax School are still uncertain. When I first learned of the issue earlier this year, I had June Hirsh of my staff coordinate a walk through of Syphax with several Southwest residents and Harriet Carver from Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

The residents were concerned the grounds are not being properly maintained and could create a potential hazard to the community. DAS said they would maintain the upkeep of the property and erect a fence which would prohibit entry.

In response to the concerns raised at the July ANC 2D meeting, I have sent another letter to DAS asking for an update on the plans for future uses of Syphax, as well as current procedures for site maintenance. I will report in future columns on the progress of this inquiry.

Riverboat Gambling. Finally, as I stated at ANC 2D's July meeting, the Riverboat Gambling Initiative proves not to be in the best interest of the Southwest community. Although the District of Columbia desperately needs new means of generating revenue and creating jobs for our residents, Riverboat Gambling is not the solution. I will continue to voice my opposition to this resolution if it is ever placed on the ballot and urge concerned Southwest residents too as well.

by Jack Evans

PSAT AND SAT READINESS WORKSHOPS COMING UP

The 3rd Annual PSAT and SAT readiness workshops for junior and senior high school students, living in the Southwest area have been scheduled for Saturday, September 24 and Saturdays, October 1, 8, and 15th, at the S.W. Branch of the D.C. Public Library. The hours are from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. REGISTRATION is from 1-1:30 pm on Saturday, September 24th and the Registration fee is only \$5.00. Pencils, paper, and other needs will be provided.

This program is under the auspices of the Second Baptist Church S.W. Scholarship Committee and is chaired by Miss Vernice Howard. Interested persons should apply by writing the Scholarship Committee of Second Baptist Church at First and M Streets, SW, Chairperson Miss Vernice Howard. Space is limited.

The workshop will be supervised by the Director of the Office of Test Improvement for the D.C. Public Schools and he will bring his own professional tutors. They will teach test familiarity and test taking skills for English and Math. The PSAT and SAT tests are now known as the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test [PSAT] and the Scholastic Assessment Test [SAT]. The new emphasis is based on reasoning and clear and original thinking. By the end of the program, students should have confidence in test taking and should be ready for the above test when they are given.

ANC Reports

At its July 11 meeting ANC 2D:

I. Heard Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans report on the current status of a number of issues pending before the D.C. Council. He also updated the ANC on his recent Council legislative activities. Finally he commented on several issues affecting the Southwest area including the city's waterfront plan, riverboat and dockside gambling, tour buses that idle their engines, and the future of Syphax school.

II. Voted to grant \$75 to Uniquely DC for the SW Fest they planning for August.

III. Agreed to recommend to the Department of Public Works that they fill in the barren areas of the M Street SW median (between 2nd and 4th) with bricks, leaving space for trees and decorative vegetation; replace the dead trees in the median; and that it consult with neighborhood volunteers about beautifying the median.

IV. Decided, in response to audience comments, to contact the Department of Public Works to ask for better trash collection at 4th and M Streets and in the 1200 block of Carrollburg Place.

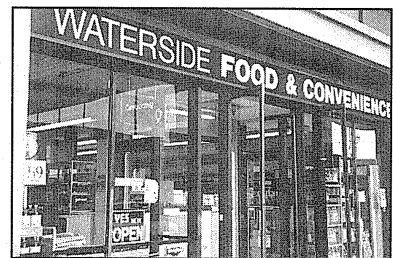
V. Agreed to send congratulations to the fish sellers on the wharf's 200th anniversary.

NEXT MEETING: The ANC will not meet in August. The next meeting of the ANC will be 7:30 pm, Monday, September 19, 1994 at 400 I Street SW (in the basement of Westminster Church). For more information, or to request time on the agenda to present a concern to the ANC, call the ANC 2D office at 554-1795.

Correction

The *Southwester* reported in the Summer issue that Tom Davis is the Scout Leader of Troop 800. It should have said that Jeramy Lucas is the Leader.

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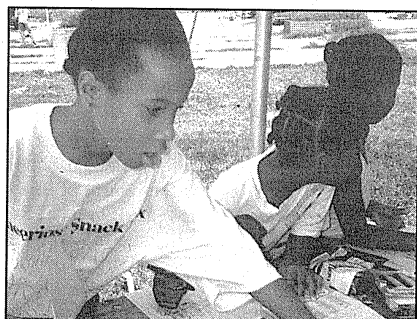
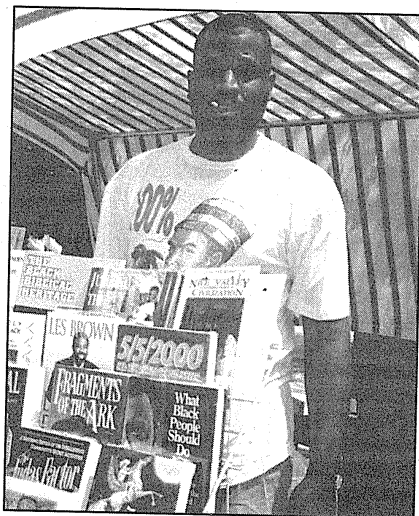
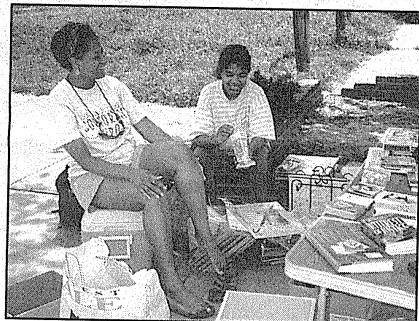
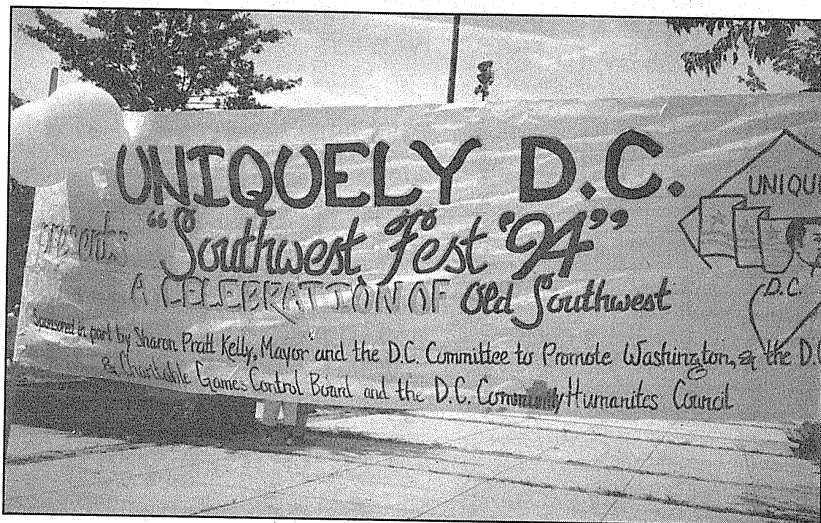
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Southwest Fest A Unique Success

by Regina Rorie Southwester Reporter

The Uniquely-DC festival held August 13 at Greenleaf field was rated a success by those in attendance. The event, the first of its kind in the District was organized by local residents Melissa Taylor and JoAnn Williams. It's primary focus was the cultural history of the southwest quadrant of the city. "It was successful in that we did what we set out to do," said Taylor, adding, "We were pleased with the overall quality of the festival." Several area adults and children turned out for the fun, games and griots. Longtime residents Carl Coles, 'Chick' Jackson and Jackson's cousin fascinated guests with their vivid accounts of growing up in southwest. Robin 'Sugar' Williams resident gospel singer extraordinaire stirred the crowd with her soulful renditions of gospel songs. "She was exceptionally good," said community supporter Peggy Jackson, noting "They [Taylor and Williams] deserve to be commended for putting on such an affair."

The Southwester, the voice of the community, sends kudos and laurels to Melissa Taylor and JoAnn Williams who felt it was their mission to enlighten and entertain us all.



Nomads Workshop

This comedy was written by Melissa Taylor. She heads Nomad Theater Workshop and is committed to bringing affordable, entertaining theater to the community. It played at Southeastern University, 6th & Eye St. on two weekends in July.

The play, "Something Borrowed, Something Blue" dealt with issues concerning the old Southwest & the urban renewal which took place here in the 60's. A young couple plans on getting married. Both families gather to make plans and discover that they have a lot more in common than the future marriage - roots in the "Old Southwest."

The night that I attended show, I heard several members of the audience who were residents from that era identifying themselves. One remarked that she was 'Iceman Joe's granddaughter.' That sounds pretty homey to me.

The drama is part of Uniquely D.C.'s mission to "celebrate the District of Columbia". Ms. Taylor teamed up with Ms. JoAnn Williams. The two organized the S.W. fest which took place on August 13. Their plan is to concentrate on one neighborhood each year. This year is "SW Fest", a daylong gathering of performers, historians, craftspeople and neighborhood folk.

More on that eventful day in another article of this edition.

JoAnn Williams and Melissa Taylor serve as reminders to all of us that it is one thing to "have an idea" and quite another thing to put that *idea into reality*. How many of you have had great ideas but never carried them out?

Southwest needs more people with the vision *to see ideas become reality*. One way to do that seems to be to get involved in your community. Jot down the dates of community meetings and make it a point to attend. If you wish that a certain article on a specific subject would appear in the *Southwester*, write that article. In other words, get involved.

THE JR. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SOUTHWEST BRANCH

August 24, 6:30 pm, Jr. Friends Meeting; 7:00 pm, Painted Gourd - This is a 90-minute presentation of oral history, crafts, music and history shared by Africans and Native Americans.

September 7, 6:30 pm, Jr. Friends Meeting; 7:00 pm, Louise V. Gray - This African American poet and playwright will talk about her work, and the writings of other African and African-American writers.

September 21, 6:30 pm, Jr. Friends meeting; 7:00 pm, Africa's Contributions to America - Carroll Gibbs will speak and show slides on the many different African contributions to America.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CALENDAR (August - September 1994)

- Sept. 6 Tues. First District Citizens Advisory
1st Dist. Police Headquarters,
7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 7 Wed. SWNA Candidates Forum/City
Council and School Board SW
Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13 Tues. D.C. Primary Election
7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sept. 19 Mon. Advisory Neighborhood
Commission 2D, Westminster
Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 29 Thu. NARFE Chapter 2052, SW
Branch Library, 1:30 p.m.
(Please submit community event
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of the month to C.W. Hargrave at 554-8284).

COLLECTOR'S CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D.C. MEETING

The Collector's Club of Washington, D.C. is meeting from 7-9 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. You can come and buy, sell, trade, and talk stamps. Auctions are held. Kids are welcome at the meetings.

There is a changeable display at the S.W. Library. The meetings are at Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I Street, S.W. Refreshments available.

Contact John Montpelier, at 202/332-6468 or Bruce Kellogg, at 202/484-0712 for more information.

SOLDIERS OF SOUTHWEST

by Donna Alston

Are you ready for a brand new change,
Everyday be kind to your fellowman.
We need to lend a helping hand,
Peace still lives on this Earth, love still lives
on this land.

It is Jesus' plan that we love our fellowman.
If our fellowman is hurting, we are supposed
to pray with him and not against him.

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into happy occasions.

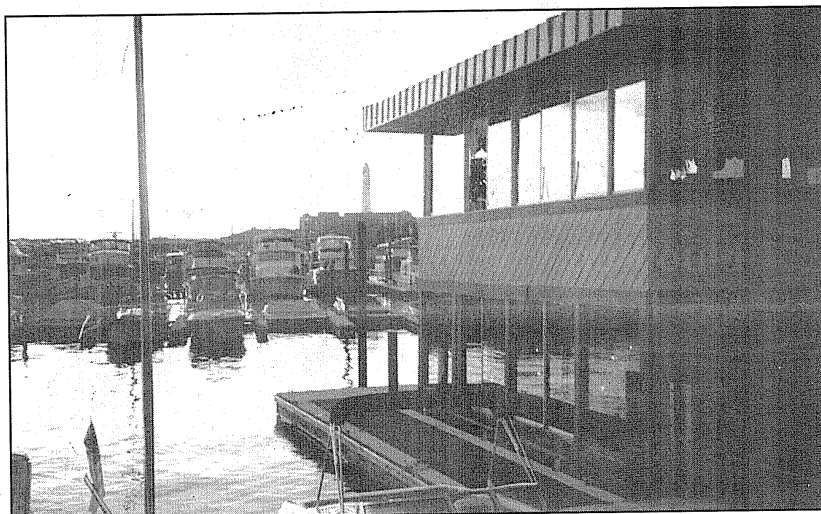
Solders near and far be ready!

To stand up for what you believe in.

We will not be ignored or pushed away, we
need to stand together.

Prayer is the key.

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The Scholarship Committee wants to thank the Gangplank Restaurant for letting us use some of their space. Also, thanks to Jenny's Restaurant, Spirit Cruises and to Channel Inn for their food donations. Any food which was left at the end of the evening, was donated to the Randall Homeless Shelter.

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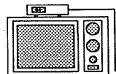
An article by Jeannie Jones in the August 5th edition of *News Dimensions* explains what is taking place at 700 Water Street, SW. The following two paragraphs are from the article.

There is a massive amount of construction taking place at 700 Water Street in Southwest Washington (formerly El Toritos Restaurant which closed in November, 1993).

The reason for the facelift is to get prepared for the September grand opening of a twofold entertainment complex. The first level will be The New Orleans Grill, a restaurant open to the public, specializing in an atmosphere of eclectic jazz accented with a menu of Creole and Soul cuisine. The second level is the rebirth of The Foxtrappe (originally located at 16th and R Streets, N.W.), a private membership club, offering its patrons a network of professional clientele, a billiard room, a large dance floor, vibrant lighting, and a roof top social area.

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For information call 703-351-9637 or 703-923-3087.

Temple Micah, 600 M St., S.W. is a Reform congregation. They will be holding Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur services. Please call 554-3099 for information about time of services and price of tickets.

Local Tenants Seek to Stem the Tide of Crime

By Regina Rorie

A luxury apartment complex management and its tenants association met recently to discuss crime and security. Some tenants of the complex (which shall remain unnamed for safety reasons) felt that the property manager had not taken adequate measures to ensure their welfare.

There were at least three reported cases of armed robbery on or near the grounds of the dwellings. One resident (who did not wish to be identified) said that she and a friend were accosted recently near her home by two teenage girls. One of the girls brandishing a gun, demanded her friend's purse. The pair then ran off without apprehension. Another resident was confronted in the lobby of the building and was robbed of his wallet.

Management, according to tenant leaders is very disturbed by the incidents of crime. They are taking immediate actions to rectify the problem. Also present at the meeting were Captain Charles Fonville and Officer Beverly Medlock of the 1st District Precinct.

They said that overall the Southwest area is the least affected by crime in the district. The officers also gave advice on anti-crime tactics. One suggestion that seemed to gain a favorable response was the formation of an Orange Hat patrol. All participating residents and any interested neighbors could don orange caps and patrol the neighborhood. A uniformed police officer would accompany them on their patrols. Southwest has had this kind of patrol in the past and it worked very well. The main problem is attracting new members. Such organizations are highly effective according to the police in stemming crime.

All residents interested in joining should drop note including their name, number and hours of availability into the Southwester box at the library.

COME ONE - COME ALL!!!

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH presents a 1-day trip to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater in Wilmington, Delaware. The date and the show is Friday, September 30, 1994, for a presentation of the comedy "No Sex Please, We're British!".

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For further information on how to make your reservations, or if you have any further questions, please contact Emma Smith at 202-488-1252.

These trips promise to be a day full of good fun and fellowship! Won't you join us?

ATTITUDES AND RESPECT

by Jean M. Smith

Always listen to the other person with respect.

Think of others at all times, put yourself in their place.

Take the time to say thank you and I love you.

Initiative and integrity-practice it everyday.

Thank God every chance you get.

Use all of your time wisely, uplift one another.

Don't put your friends down; pray for them.

Encourage others to think positive.

Save your money but don't forget God's share.

Remember God first and you can't go wrong.

Endeavor to overcome all obstacles.

Search your heart.

Present yourself by the way you dress - respect yourself.

Enjoy life in a Godly manner.

Cruelty is wrong.

Testify of God's goodness every chance you get.

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, Forgiving each other, Just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. - Ephesians 4:32

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SATURDAY: 8:20 am and 12:10 pm



Adult touch football has started Sundays at 9 a.m. at King-Greenleaf field, at Canal St. and N St. S.W. August practice and scrimmages will be followed in September by high quality games featuring former Southwest and city-wide high school stars.

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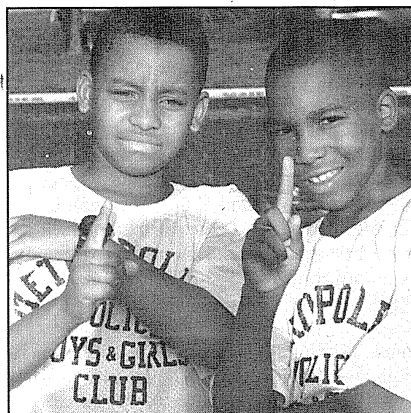
CLUB 4 TACKLE FOOTBALL STARTS

Another exciting year is in store for Southwest youth as the football season gets underway at MPB&G Club 4, with headquarters in the rear of Bowen School on M St. and Canal S.W. (Phone No. 727-4618). Sign-up is open for 75 lb., 85lb., and 95 lb. teams. Helmets, safety padding, and uniforms are provided to the teams, called the Vikings. Experienced coaches are on hand.

Pictured are last year's MVP Donta Porter, left, who plays center and middle linebacker, and Darrel Mathews, linebacker. 75 LB.

Already signed up for the 75 lb. team are Terrence Carson, David Brown, Delano Stubbs, Michael Howard, Donnel Stewart, Robert Abney, and Dalano Toney. 95 LB.

Early entries for the 95 lb. team are Antoine Smith and Michael Penny.



L - MVP Donta Porter and Darrel Mathews

SWCH Receives Grant

The Mayor's Youth Initiatives Office report that Southwest Community House has been chosen to receive a \$10,000 award in a competitive grant program. The money will fund the SWCH's "Parent/Family Support and Training" project.

According to SW House representatives, "The goal of this project is to strengthen the capacity of parents to reinforce skills and positive attitudes of their children." The project involves expanding the on-going Successiteers program to include their parents.

The Successiteers are youths between 12 and 14, most of whom live in public housing and attend Jefferson Junior High. They participate in various activities "designed to help our youth develop a greater awareness of their worth and value to themselves and their community," according to Evelina Darlington, who has directed the program the last two years.

Darlington's efforts have included pairing the youth with mentors. Frequently, she says, the parents have asked for some of the same kind of support given to their children. That is why the program is now being expanded to include parents.

The program was developed in cooperation with the Network for the Enhancement of Self-Esteem (NESE). Ruth Perot, NESE President, says that NESE will arrange the participation of a number of experts. The experts include George B. Logan-El, Ph.D., who will provide training in "Getting Away Clean," a set of techniques for to show youth how to handle peer pressure and how to resolve conflicts without violence.

"This is a much needed program," comments SWCH President Gottlieb Simon. "We are delighted to receive this additional funding and recognition of SW House efforts."

According to Nancy Ware, Executive Director of the Mayor's Youth Initiatives Office, the SWCH grant application selected by her office in collaboration with the Washington Parent Group Fund and the Fannie Mae Foundation.

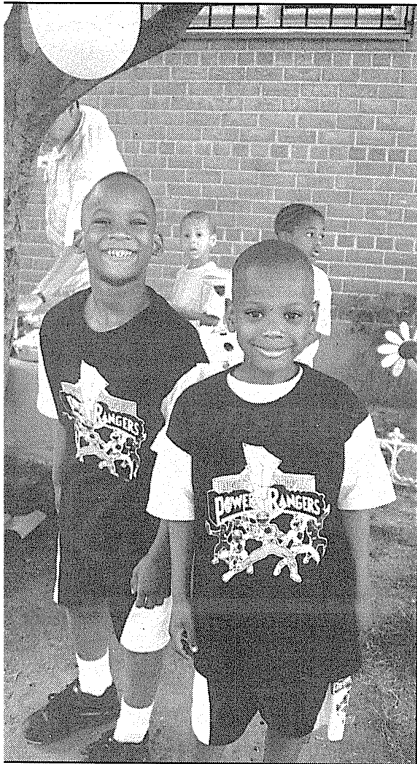
ANC Openings

Nominating petitions for District residents seeking election as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners are now available in the offices of the D.C. Board of Elections, located in the One Judiciary Square Building, according to Elections Board Director Emmett H. Fremaux, Jr. Contests for all 299 ANC Commission offices in the District will appear on the November 8th General Election ballot.

ANC's were established in the Home Rule Charter in 1974 to provide a means for citizen comment on proposals affecting District residents and their neighborhoods. ANC Commissioners (who serve two-year terms as unsalaried, non-partisan officials) are elected by the voters residing within each ANC Single Member District (SMD). Each SMD contains approximately 2,000 residents and is represented by its elected Commissioner on one of the city's 37 Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

To appear on the ballot, an ANC candidate must submit the signatures of 25 voters registered within his or her SMD by Friday, September 9th at 5:00 p.m. Candidates must be registered voters, and must have lived within the SMD for at least 60 days before filing their petition.

"Qualifying for the ballot is not a complicated or difficult task," noted Fremaux. "We have simplified the process to assist all citizens interested in participating in this unique form of democracy." Services for ANC candidates include a brief conference with a member of the Board's staff to answer questions and to outline procedures for petition circulation. The Board also provides each ANC candidate with a listing of the registered voters in the candidate's SMD, a detailed map of the ANC/SMD area, and other information materials. The Information and Voter Services office, where candidates may pick up their petitions, is located in Room 250 of the One Judiciary Square Building. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The office will also be open on the last Saturday of the petition period -- Saturday, September 3rd to accommodate candidates who wish to file their petitions. For more information, the public may call the Voter Services Office at 727-2525.



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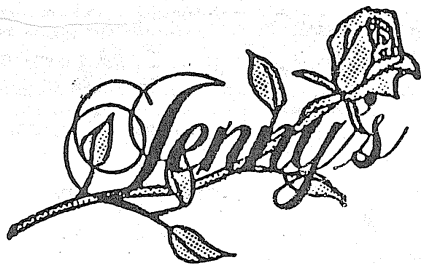
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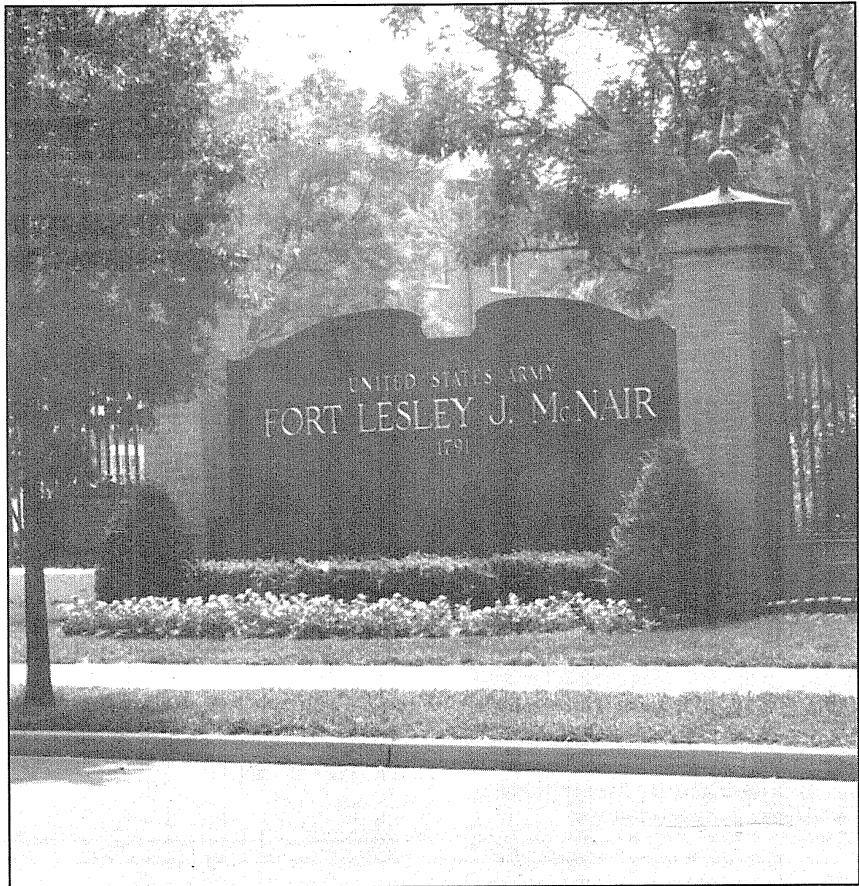
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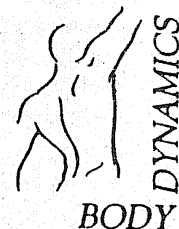
Everyone is invited to the Chili Competition held by Fort McNair. It will be on Saturday, September 10th, from noon to 5 pm. Tickets will be \$25 per person.

In addition to the chili, there will be entertainment, more food, beverages, and a silent auction. This is a charity with the proceeds going to Children's Hospital. Just in case you are new to the area and haven't already been to the base, it's at 4th & P Streets.

We on the staff of the *Southwester*, want to invite all of those who are in the army, living on the base, to take part in the community. Southwest has a lot to offer everyone who lives here.

You might be one of those people who ask, "What does the Assembly do?" Well, why don't you come to a meeting and volunteer to do some work and make SWNA a real Community (with a capital C) organization.

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